

15 October 2014

Chief Executive
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Attention: Lisa Madgwick

Dear Ms Madgwick

**Thames Coromandel Proposed District Plan - Submissions by Waikato District Health Board
Hearing 22-23 October**

The Waikato District Health Board (WDHB) has lodged a submission regarding provision for Hazardous Substances storage and use at Thames Hospital (Site Specific Activity 1 – SSA1).

This submission is Number 322.2 and is scheduled for hearing during the 22-23 October sitting of the Hearing Panel.

We have read the Staff Report provided for the hearing and note that the recommendations support the intent of the submission by the WDHB that it is not appropriate to apply the Residential Zone Standards for Hazardous Substances to the Thames Hospital. The submission seeks to address this concern by amending Section 36 – Hazardous Substances by the inclusion of Thames Hospital (SSA1) in the same category as Commercial, Rural and Transport Areas for the purposes of hazardous substances use and storage.

The Staff Report recommends that rather than amending the District Wide rule to address this submission, amendments be made to Section 26 (Site Specific Activities) to make clear that in terms of Hazardous Substances matters, the rule applicable will be those provided in Section 36 for Commercial, Rural and Transport Areas.

The WDHB considers this recommendation to be entirely appropriate and agrees that the amendments proposed to Section 26 meet the outcome sought in Submission 322.2.

We note that the Staff Report records that the amendments to Section 26 are set out in Appendix 2 of the report. We think that this is an error as they are included in Appendix 5.

The WDHB requests that the Hearings Panel adopts the staff recommendation regarding submission 322.2 by the WDHB and that the amendments to Section 26 provided in Appendix 5 are adopted..

We do not consider that attendance at the hearing is necessary on this matter. However, we request that this letter is read into the record of the hearing as a statement of the WDHB portion regarding the recommendations in the Staff Report and the outcomes sought by the WDHB.

If you have any questions, please contact the writer.

Yours faithfully



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